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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____ 6) ☐ Other: ____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 10 is objected to because of the following informalities: missing ":" line 13.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Klingler et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,404,316).

As to claim 1, Klingler teaches a method for processing a presentation of a time based stream of information, the method comprising:

A) providing a user interface having functionality to display only a single graphical representation of a time line for positioning at least one reference to a visual time based stream of information in a presentation, the reference including one of at least two types of edit features (Edit features, col. 10 lines 24-53 and figs. 3-4);

B) displaying the single graphical representation of a time line on the user interface (figs. 3-4);

C) displaying a reference with an edit feature on the user interface (col. 10 lines 24-53 and figs. 8-10); and

D) dragging the reference over the single graphical representation of the time line to insert the edit feature into the presentation (col. 9 lines 4-16).

As to claim 2, Klingler teaches the method of claim 1, wherein the edit feature is text (text, col. 3 lines 37-45).

As to claim 3, Klingler teaches the method of claim 1, wherein the edit feature is a transition (transition, col. 7 lines 33-37).

As to claim 4, Klingler teaches the method of claim 1, wherein the single graphical representation of a time line includes at least two references and wherein the reference with an edit feature is dragged between the two references (drag and drop, col. 9 lines 4-16).

As to claim 5, Klingler teaches the method of claim 1, wherein providing the reference with the edit feature is by moving a reference to an edit box and inserting the edit feature into the reference in response to user edit commands (command, col. 10 lines 24-43).

As to claim 6, Klingler teaches the method of claim 5, wherein the moving of the reference is by cutting the reference and pasting the reference over the edit box (Edit, col. 10 lines 24-52).

As to claim 7, Klingler teaches the method of claim 1, further including editing the edit feature of the reference by selecting the reference and popping up an edit box automatically in response to the selecting (automatically pasted, col. 3 lines 27-33).

As to claim 8, Klingler teaches the method of claim 1, further including displaying another reference having an edit feature and in response to a user cut/paste command, cutting the

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other reference from a position on the user interface and pasting the other reference over the single graphical representation of the time line to insert the edit feature into the presentation (Edit, col. 10 lines 24- 53 and figs. 5, 7, 9-10).

As to claim 9, Klingler teaches the method of claim 8, wherein the single graphical representation of a time line includes at least two references and wherein the reference having an edit feature is pasted between the two references (Swap, Reset, Zoom features placed between two frames, fig. 9).

As to claim 10, note the rejection of claim 1 above except (c) cutting the reference from a position on the user interface and pasting the other reference over the single graphical representation of the time line to insert the edit feature into the presentation. Klingler shows this feature "Cut" in Edit col. 10 lines 24-53.

As to claims 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, note the rejections of claims 2-5, and 7 above respectively.

As to claims 16-21, these are system claims of method claims 1, 2, and 4-7. Note the rejections of claims 1, 2, and 4-7 above respectively.

As to claim 22, this is a system claim of the method claim 1. Note the rejection of claim 1 above.

As to claims 23-27, these are system claims of method claims 1, 4-7. Note the rejections of claims 1, 4-7 above respectively.

As to claims 28-33, these are program product claims of method claims 1, 4-7. Note the rejections of claims 1, 4-7 above respectively.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Crow et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,262,724) teach time-based, edit, display, and modifying (cols. 1-27 and figs. 3-11).

Escobar et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,659,793) teach timelines, position, frames, and edit video files (cols. 3-22 and figs. 1-5).

Klingler et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,682,326) teach video processing system, copy and paste images (cols. 5-13 and figs. 3-7, 10-12).

Mills et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,237,648) teach begin, end point, timelines, copy, modify, and edit (cols. 2-9 and figs. 2-4).

Moran et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,786,814) teach copy, timelines, playtime, edit, and display (cols. 3-31 and figs. 4-20).

Shore et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,760,767) teach frames, play, edit, timelines, and modify (cols. 1-13 and figs. 3,7-10).

Tani et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,664,087) teach editing, menu, controls, playback, and timelines (cols. 3-14 and figs. 1-16).

Ubillos (U.S. Patent No. 5,999,173) teaches timelines, copy, edit, and display (cols. 2-15 and figs. 2-15).

Wolf et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,459,832) teach edit screen, copy, and GUI (cols. 2-15 and figs. 1-12).

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Darrel Plant (Flash 3! Creative Web Animation, 1998) teaches editing, timelines, frames, copy, cut/paste movies, and modifying (whole book).

Macromedia (Flash 4 Using Flash, June 1999) teaches editing, timelines, frames, copy, cut/paste movies, and modifying (whole book).

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Truc T Chuong whose telephone number is 703-305-5753. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine L. Kincaid can be reached on 703-308-0640. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-746-7239 for regular communications and 703-746-7238 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3900.

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